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Celebrate Janis Joplin with Musical at the PAC June 18 & 19

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly Arts presents "Love, Janis" on Wednesday and Thursday, June 18 and 19, at 7 p.m. at the Spanos Theatre.

From her meteoric rise to fame in the '60s to her tragic death in 1970, Joplin's story is told in her own words – the entire spoken text comes directly from Joplin's actual letters and her many print, radio, and television interviews.

The rock stage musical is a hauntingly intimate portrayal of one of America's most celebrated rock-n-roll icons, the legendary Janis Joplin. Love, Janis goes behind the music to offer a glimpse at the soul of a legend both through the letters she wrote home and the songs she made famous.

Conceived, adapted, and directed by Randal Myler (It Ain't Nothin But The Blues, Hank Williams: Lost Highway) and inspired by the best-selling book of the same name by Laura Joplin, Love, Janis paints a stunning portrait of the legendary blues rocker — both of the singular performer who defied traditional musical definitions, and the sensitive, intelligent person remembered by family and friends.

"Love Janis grabs a piece of our hearts," declares the San Francisco Chronicle.

"Phenomenal! Unbelievable! A rockin' good time!" raves WCBS-FM, New York. The SF Bay Guardian calls it, "An irresistible ride through the summer of love."

The musical offers poignant insights into the private Joplin intertwined with dynamic performances of her smash hit classics, including "Piece of My Heart," "Get It While You Can," "Me and Bobby McGee," "Ball and Chain," and "Mercedes Benz."

Music direction is provided by Sam Andrew, founding member of Big Brother and the Holding Company, the band with which Joplin was discovered at the Monterey Pop Festival in 1967.

Two talented actresses share the role of this larger-than-life personality, one belting out rocking renditions of Joplin's hits and the other portraying the private Joplin, the young woman who chronicled the rapid rise of her brief career through expressive letters to her family back home in Port Arthur, Texas.

The New York Post calls Love, Janis "a potent, fresh and enormously crowd-pleasing evocation of the legacy of Janis Joplin," while USA Today deems it an "unabashed celebration."

And the San Diego Union Tribune summed it up: "Joplin truly lives again."

For further information, visit www.lovejanisthemusical.com.

General public tickets for the performance are \$42 and \$48 and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket

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